

CLAIMS

1. A cart for moving large irregularly shaped articles, comprising:
 - a base including a forward end and a rearward end;
 - first and second upwardly extending arms connected to the base, each of the first and second upwardly extending arms including a distal end coupled to the base and a proximal end;
 - a lift mechanism positioned between the first and second upwardly extending arms, the lift mechanism including a first support bar mounted adjacent the distal end of the first and second upwardly extending arms for selective movement along the first and second upwardly extending arms, the lift mechanism also includes a second support bar positioned above the first support bar and fixedly secured between the first and second upwardly extending arms, a crank arm extends between the second support bar and the first support bar, the crank arm permitting controlled movement of the first support bar along the length of the first and second upwardly extending arms.
2. The cart according to claim 1, wherein the base is substantially C-shaped.

3. The cart according to claim 2, wherein the base includes an opening along the forward end.
4. The cart according to claim 1, wherein the base further includes a pair of rear wheels along the rearward end and a pair of front wheels along the forward end.
5. The cart according to claim 4, wherein the rear wheels are mounted to the base for rotation about a fixed axis and the front wheel being mounted to the base for pivotal movement permitting maneuvering of the cart.
6. The cart according to claim 1, wherein the proximal ends of the first and second upwardly extending arm each include a handle that comprises a rearwardly curved U-shaped member.
7. The cart according to claim 6, wherein a forward end of the U-shaped member is aligned with the distal end of the upwardly extending arms and a rearward end of the of the U-shaped member is aligned with a rear edge of the pair of rear wheels permitting inversion of the cart with the pair of rear wheel and rearward end of the U-shaped member support the cart.

8. The cart according to claim 1, wherein the first support bar includes first and second coupling members for selectively coupling the first support bar to the article.
9. The cart according to claim 8, wherein the first and second coupling members are elongated bodies shaped end and dimensioned for ready engagement with the article.
10. The cart according to claim 8, wherein the first and second coupling members are secured to the first support bar for selective movement relative thereto in a manner permitting ready attachment to the article.
11. The cart according to claim 10, wherein the first support bar includes slots in which the first and second coupling members are mounted for movement along the first support bar.
12. The cart according to claim 8, wherein the first and second coupling member each include locators assisting in attachment to an article.

13. The cart according to claim 1, wherein the crank arm includes a threaded shaft that engages a threaded cylinder secured to the first support bar.
14. The cart according to claim 13, wherein the threaded shaft is telescopically received within the threaded cylinder.
15. The cart according to claim 13, wherein the crank arm includes a handle.
16. The cart according to claim 1, wherein the base is collapsible.
17. The cart according to claim 1, wherein the base includes first and second lateral frame members.
18. The cart according to claim 17, wherein the first and second lateral frame members are selectively collapsible.
19. The cart according to claim 17, wherein the base further includes a pair of rear wheels along a rearward end and a pair of front wheels along a forward end.

20. The cart according to claim 19, wherein the rear wheels are mounted to the base for rotation about a fixed axis and the front wheel being mounted to the base for pivotal movement permitting maneuvering of the cart.